

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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FOR HARWOOD SAD/OIM/BIC; PETER HALE CAGNE/OIM/BIC;  
THOMAS THOMAS - SUPPORT SERVICES/OIM/BIC

PARIS FOR ROBERT D. CULVER - PARIS AIR SHOW STAFF

EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, SY  
SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

1. DUSEX GREATLY APPRECIATES AVAILABILITY OF CULVER.
2. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM REMAINS BEIRUT AND AT COB TODAY  
STILL UNABLE TO RAISE RTDO STAFF OR LEFEAVER.  
USELESS SEND CULVER TO BEIRUT IF EMBASSY AND COMMERCIAL  
FACILITIES CLOSED SINCE URGENT REQUIREMENT IS TO HAVE SOMEONE  
ON STANDBY WHEN FOCO SHIPMENT REACHES PORT. DUSEX HAS  
DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE TRANSSHIPMENT TO  
DAMASCUS BUT HAVING OUR MAN IN BEIRUT INVALUABLE IF HE  
CAN PROPERLY FUNCTION.
3. ANTICIPATED DELAY IN ARRIVAL DISPLAY SYSTEM AND BULK  
OF EXHIBITION MATERIALS FROM BEIRUT NOW INCREASINGLY  
CRITICAL AND ANTICIPATING POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO  
SUPERVISE PAVILION AND EXTERNAL WORK INCLUDING USIS COMPLEX  
WITH NEW CONTRACTOR IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL FIRM  
THE PHYSICAL PROBLEMS SHOULD BE EVIDENT.
4. HOWEVER THE FIRST PROBLEM IS BEIRUT AND CLEARING  
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THE FOCO SHIPMENT WITHOUT WHICH THE REST BECOMES

ACADEMIC. TO REPEAT AS OF THIS MOMENT BEIRUT INACCESS-  
IBLE BY TELEPHONE, POUCH MAIL AND EMBASSY HAS DISCOUR-  
AGED TRAVEL TO THAT POST. THIS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED  
THAT BUSINESS FUNCTIONS IN BEIRUT ARE MARGINAL IF AT  
ALL OPERATIVE. WE WOULD HAVE TO GET CULVER INTO BEIRUT  
AND THEN HOPE CONDITIONS PERMIT HIM TO WORK.

5. HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH CULVER AND WILL TALK  
TO HIM BY TELEPHONE AT 10 AM PARIS TIME TO ADVISE ON  
BEIRUT CONDITIONS. WILL SUGGEST THAT HE TELEPHONE YOU  
AFTER OUR CONVERSATION FOR GUIDANCE.  
MURPHY

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